# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2011

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 10, 2011, there were 523,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2011, a decrease of 700 from November 2011 but 3,100 more than the number employed in December 2010.

Agricultural employment was 35,700 persons in December 2011, down 2,400 from the November 2011 level and 500 less than the December 2010 agricultural employment level of 36,200. Non-agricultural employment was 487,800 persons in December 2011. This is an increase of 1,700 from the November 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 486,100 and 3,600 more than December 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2011 was 4.7 percent. This is unchanged from the November 2011 rate and 0.2 percentage points lower than the December 2010 level of 4.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 400 to 549,600 persons in December 2011 from 550,000 persons in November 2011. This is 2,000 more than the December 2010 labour force of 547,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 68.3 percent in December 2011 from 68.4 percent in November 2011. The December 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 26,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2011. This is an increase of 300 from November 2011 but is 1,000 less than the number unemployed in December 2010.

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 527,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2011, up 3,100 from the November 2011 level of 524,700 and up 3,700 from the December 2010 employment level of 524,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2011 was 5.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the November 2011 rate of 5.1 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the December 2010 rate of 5.5 percent.

**CANADIAN DATA**

Canadian employment decreased by 44,700 persons in December 2011 to 17,271,700 persons from 17,316,400 persons in November 2011. In December 2010, there were 17,087,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in December 2011 to 6.9 percent from the November 2011 level of 7.0 percent. In December 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.5 percent in December 2011. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than November 2011 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the December 2010 level of 7.6 percent.

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## TABLE 1

## SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | December 2011 | November 2011 | December 2010 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 18,547.1 | 18,617.1 | 18,377.8 | -70.0 | 169.3 |
| Employed ('000) | 17,271.7 | 17,316.4 | 17,087.2 | -44.7 | 184.5 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 13,850.6 | 13,966.8 | 13,645.2 | -116.2 | 205.4 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,421.2 | 3,349.5 | 3,442.0 | 71.7 | -20.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,275.3 | 1,300.7 | 1,290.6 | -25.4 | -15.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.9 | 66.2 | 66.1 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 549.6 | 550.0 | 547.6 | -0.4 | 2.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 523.5 | 524.2 | 520.4 | -0.7 | 3.1 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 426.4 | 435.6 | 422.6 | -9.2 | 3.8 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 97.0 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 8.4 | -0.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 26.1 | 25.8 | 27.1 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.3 | 68.4 | 68.8 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| **ALBERTA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,227.2 | 2,233.4 | 2,140.3 | -6.2 | 86.9 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,129.2 | 2,125.3 | 2,031.0 | 3.9 | 98.2 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,758.4 | 1,765.1 | 1,657.4 | -6.7 | 101.0 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 370.9 | 360.2 | 373.6 | 10.7 | -2.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 98.0 | 108.1 | 109.3 | -10.1 | -11.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | -0.4 | -0.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.5 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 73.5 | 73.8 | 71.8 | -0.3 | 1.7 |
| **MANITOBA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 655.0 | 656.7 | 648.2 | -1.7 | 6.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 622.4 | 624.0 | 616.6 | -1.6 | 5.8 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 498.2 | 498.6 | 491.1 | -0.4 | 7.1 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 124.2 | 125.4 | 125.5 | -1.2 | -1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 32.6 | 32.7 | 31.6 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.4 | 68.6 | 68.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 |

**Source: Statistics Canada,** *Labour Force Survey*
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## TABLE 2

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | December 2011 | November 2011 | December 2010 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 549.6 | 550.0 | 547.6 | -0.4 | 2.0 |
| Male | 295.4 | 296.1 | 292.9 | -0.7 | 2.5 |
| Female | 254.1 | 253.8 | 254.7 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 91.5 | 88.8 | 88.1 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| 25+ Years of age | 458.1 | 461.2 | 459.4 | -3.1 | -1.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 523.5 | 524.2 | 520.4 | -0.7 | 3.1 |
| Male | 282.0 | 283.6 | 275.7 | -1.6 | 6.3 |
| Female | 241.5 | 240.5 | 244.7 | 1.0 | -3.2 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 83.0 | 79.0 | 80.2 | 4.0 | 2.8 |
| 25+ Years of age | 440.4 | 445.2 | 440.2 | -4.8 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 26.1 | 25.8 | 27.1 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| Male | 13.4 | 12.5 | 17.2 | 0.9 | -3.8 |
| Female | 12.7 | 13.3 | 9.9 | -0.6 | 2.8 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 8.4 | 9.8 | 7.9 | -1.4 | 0.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 17.7 | 16.0 | 19.3 | 1.7 | -1.6 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Male | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.9 | 0.3 | -1.4 |
| Female | 5.0 | 5.2 | 3.9 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 9.2 | 11.0 | 9.0 | -1.8 | 0.2 |
| 25+ Years of age | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.3 | 68.4 | 68.8 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Male | 74.1 | 74.3 | 74.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Female | 62.7 | 62.6 | 63.5 | 0.1 | -0.8 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 67.0 | 65.1 | 64.0 | 1.9 | 3.0 |
| 25+ Years of age | 68.6 | 69.1 | 69.8 | -0.5 | -1.2 |

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## TABLE 3

## SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

| | December 2011 | November 2011 | December 2010 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY ('000)** | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 35.7 | 38.1 | 36.2 | -2.4 | -0.5 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 22.7 | 23.7 | 24.0 | -1.0 | -1.3 |
| Utilities | 5.8 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| Construction | 41.2 | 40.2 | 38.1 | 1.0 | 3.1 |
| Manufacturing | 24.8 | 25.4 | 29.0 | -0.6 | -4.2 |
| Trade | 85.4 | 86.4 | 83.1 | -1.0 | 2.3 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 25.7 | 26.1 | 27.0 | -0.4 | -1.3 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 30.7 | 30.3 | 30.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 25.1 | 25.8 | 20.6 | -0.7 | 4.5 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 11.6 | 11.5 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Educational Services | 41.4 | 39.9 | 41.1 | 1.5 | 0.3 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 69.9 | 69.8 | 66.4 | 0.1 | 3.5 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 17.2 | 16.6 | 20.6 | 0.6 | -3.4 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 33.4 | 30.0 | 32.3 | 3.4 | 1.1 |
| Other Services | 26.4 | 26.7 | 27.4 | -0.3 | -1.0 |
| Public Administration | 26.5 | 28.4 | 28.4 | -1.9 | -1.9 |
| Total | 523.5 | 524.2 | 520.4 | -0.7 | 3.1 |
| **HOURS OF WORK ('000)** | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 426.4 | 435.6 | 422.6 | -9.2 | 3.8 |
| Part-Time | 97.0 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 8.4 | -0.8 |
| **CLASS OF WORKER ('000)** | | | | | |
| Employees | 428.0 | 426.3 | 427.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 |
| Public Sector | 130.3 | 132.0 | 134.6 | -1.7 | -4.3 |
| Private Sector | 297.6 | 294.3 | 292.7 | 3.3 | 4.9 |
| Self-Employed | 95.5 | 97.9 | 93.1 | -2.4 | 2.4 |

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## TABLE 4

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | December 2011 | November 2011 | December 2010 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,271.7 | 17,316.4 | 17,087.2 | -44.7 | 184.5 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 222.0 | 222.0 | 217.1 | 0.0 | 4.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 70.2 | 70.7 | 66.9 | -0.5 | 3.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 457.7 | 452.8 | 446.3 | 4.9 | 11.4 |
| New Brunswick | 349.4 | 350.5 | 347.9 | -1.1 | 1.5 |
| Quebec | 3,869.5 | 3,910.8 | 3,927.3 | -41.3 | -57.8 |
| Ontario | 6,742.8 | 6,748.5 | 6,660.6 | -5.7 | 82.2 |
| Manitoba | 622.4 | 624.0 | 616.6 | -1.6 | 5.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 523.5 | 524.2 | 520.4 | -0.7 | 3.1 |
| Alberta | 2,129.2 | 2,125.3 | 2,031.0 | 3.9 | 98.2 |
| British Columbia | 2,284.9 | 2,287.6 | 2,253.0 | -2.7 | 31.9 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 13.1 | 13.0 | 13.8 | 0.1 | -0.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 12.6 | 12.1 | 13.3 | 0.5 | -0.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 7.2 | 8.4 | 9.8 | -1.2 | -2.6 |
| New Brunswick | 8.8 | 9.1 | 9.0 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| Quebec | 8.5 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Ontario | 6.8 | 7.2 | 7.2 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Manitoba | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Alberta | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | -0.4 | -0.7 |
| British Columbia | 6.5 | 6.6 | 7.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 |

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## TABLE 5

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

| | December 2011 | November 2011 | December 2010 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,344.5 | 17,327.0 | 17,145.3 | 17.5 | 199.2 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 227.2 | 224.0 | 222.9 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 73.4 | 72.6 | 69.9 | 0.8 | 3.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 458.1 | 453.8 | 447.6 | 4.3 | 10.5 |
| New Brunswick | 354.1 | 351.2 | 354.1 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| Quebec | 3,902.7 | 3,928.4 | 3,953.7 | -25.7 | -51.0 |
| Ontario | 6,750.9 | 6,735.2 | 6,659.6 | 15.7 | 91.3 |
| Manitoba | 626.3 | 624.5 | 620.5 | 1.8 | 5.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 527.8 | 524.7 | 524.1 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| Alberta | 2,131.0 | 2,130.2 | 2,032.2 | 0.8 | 98.8 |
| British Columbia | 2,293.0 | 2,282.3 | 2,260.7 | 10.7 | 32.3 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 12.8 | 13.2 | 14.0 | -0.4 | -1.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 11.4 | 11.1 | 11.8 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 7.8 | 8.6 | 10.4 | -0.8 | -2.6 |
| New Brunswick | 9.4 | 9.8 | 9.4 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| Quebec | 8.7 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Ontario | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Manitoba | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Alberta | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.5 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| British Columbia | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 0.0 | -0.6 |

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## TABLE 6

## SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | December 2011 | November 2011 | December 2010 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| St. John's | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Halifax | 4.7 | 5.1 | 6.2 | -0.4 | -1.5 |
| Saint John | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| Quebec | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| Montreal | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Greater Sudbury | 5.0 | 5.2 | 7.8 | -0.2 | -2.8 |
| Toronto | 7.9 | 8.1 | 7.6 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| Winnipeg | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.0 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| Regina | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| Saskatoon | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Calgary | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| Edmonton | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| Vancouver | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| Victoria | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.9 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 169.0 | 170.1 | 164.1 | -1.1 | 4.9 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 48.9 | 49.1 | 50.6 | -0.2 | -1.7 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 173.8 | 173.4 | 171.2 | 0.4 | 2.6 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 40.1 | 40.7 | 38.4 | -0.6 | 1.7 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 93.8 | 94.6 | 98.2 | -0.8 | -4.4 |

**Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)**

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## TABLE 7

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | December 2011 | November 2011 | December 2010 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL POPULATION** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 549.1 | 549.8 | 549.2 | -0.7 | -0.1 |
| Employed ('000) | 524.6 | 526.6 | 521.5 | -2.0 | 3.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 24.5 | 23.2 | 27.6 | 1.3 | -3.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 0.3 | -0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.3 | 68.5 | 69.1 | -0.2 | -0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.3 | 65.6 | 65.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| **NON-ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 501.3 | 502.5 | 506.5 | -1.2 | -5.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 483.9 | 486.0 | 485.9 | -2.1 | -2.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 17.3 | 16.4 | 20.6 | 0.9 | -3.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.4 | 68.6 | 69.8 | -0.2 | -1.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.0 | 66.3 | 66.9 | -0.3 | -0.9 |
| **ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 47.8 | 47.4 | 42.6 | 0.4 | 5.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 40.6 | 40.6 | 35.6 | 0.0 | 5.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 15.0 | 14.3 | 16.5 | 0.7 | -1.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.0 | 67.5 | 61.9 | 0.5 | 6.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.8 | 57.9 | 51.7 | -0.1 | 6.1 |
| **NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 19.2 | 19.3 | 16.6 | -0.1 | 2.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 15.2 | 15.3 | 12.7 | -0.1 | 2.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 20.7 | 20.7 | 23.8 | 0.0 | -3.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.4 | 62.7 | 55.1 | -0.3 | 7.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 49.5 | 49.8 | 42.0 | -0.3 | 7.5 |
| **METIS** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 28.5 | 28.1 | 26.0 | 0.4 | 2.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 25.3 | 25.3 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 2.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.2 | 9.9 | 11.8 | 1.3 | -0.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.3 | 71.2 | 67.2 | 1.1 | 5.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.2 | 64.2 | 59.3 | 0.0 | 4.9 |

**Notes:**

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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